

Patrolman Who Served Uncle Sam

Officer John B. Westcott, of Third District, Who Charged Up San Juan Hill.

When the now renowned Teddy made his world-famous charge up San Juan Hill back in '98, there was at least one Richmonder who participated in the glorious victory. Although only a private, John B. Westcott, patrolman, was among the first to plant his feet at the threshold of the Spanish blockhouse at the apex of the hill. During the four-day struggle for the possession of the entrenchments he was on duty continuously.

Officer Westcott enlisted at the age of twenty-one in the United States Army, and was assigned to duty with Troop C, Third Regiment, with which he served four years. His first term expired in June, 1898, while on the transport *Albatross*, 120 miles southeast of Key West. Although a number of his comrades refused to reenlist, Mr. Westcott again signed up for three years.

The Third Regiment was dismounted and put into service with the Sixth Regiment, and the First Volunteers, or Rough Riders, as they were better known. These regiments formed the brigade under the command of Brigadier-General Sumner, which made the charge up San Juan. Riding Shanks' mare the regulars participated in the fight, but the glory went to the volunteers.

Although taking part in the desperate fight at El Caney and San Juan and in the skirmishes around Santiago, and spending four months in Cuba during the worst of the hot weather, Mr. Westcott was neither stricken with Spanish bullets nor American cannon balls. In September his regiment was ordered home, and in 1899 he asked for and was given his honorable discharge.

In October, 1910, Officer Westcott donned the uniform of a Richmond patrolman, and was assigned to duty in the Third District. He has continued on the force since that time and has an excellent record. He is one of the most popular officers in the city and has a host of friends.

While in the army, Mr. Westcott was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Immediately after the war he was stationed at Montauk Point, L. I., where the troops were sent to recuperate from the ravages of the Cuban climate.



JOHN B. WESTCOTT.

SWIMMING HOLES

Alas! that the learned editor of The Times-Dispatch has been so immersed in politics, education, agriculture and other unimportant matters as to have forgotten his river geography. "Cherry" and "Little Hell" are nowhere near Belle Isle, but there was a glorious bathing place there. I have not seen it for many years, but as I sit in my office this hot day the memory of that bracing water gliding under the shadows of the trees is so enticing that if I had any one to go with and the police did not arrest me, I believe I would get up and go over at once. We sometimes used to get into the deep "potholes" in the granite on the north side of the upper end of the island as a matter of curiosity and variety; but the real place was above the dam that led to the Belle Isle mill-race. Here was a beautiful little piece of water, with great trees on the banks and what would not now give for the recklessness which would induce one to dive under or rather through the dam, when a gate was raised? If we had it germs would no longer be fearsome things.

The other great bathing place was "The Lake" between Mayo's Island and the Free Bridge. This was reached either by boat from the foot of Ninth Street, or from Mayo's Island. Here were Tiger, Soda Water, Cherry, Hugh Fry and other well-known places. Cherry was a great natural bathtub, where the small boys learned to swim. Tiger was an impetuous torrent, which required strong arms and a level head to navigate, and Hugh Fry was another current not so strong, but which could only be negotiated by a good over-hand stroke. Hell and Heaven were nearer Haxall's Mill, and were only for the best swimmers.

Manchester boys had an admirable bathing place not far below Mayo's Bridge, at a place called Walker's Landing. There was here a fine sandy shore (long since destroyed), where a seine was regularly hauled. The remnant of an old wharf here made a fine place for diving, and the swimmers and the river below Mayo's island for their use. It would not do to go too far, however. I recollect that a lot of us bathing at Walker's Landing got into a boat in the altogether, as artists would call it, turned the boat over while frolicking and drifted slowly down until we reached Napier's Rock, opposite the old Dominion wharf, to which we swam and were having a great time, sunning ourselves and diving from the rock, when the late Captain Curtis, then harbor-master, in high indignation at a display which Major Werner would have preferred to "September Morning," but which he most probably would not have allowed. In the art store window, sent a boat after us, caught ours which was drifting away, and made us painfully drag it (for we had no oars) back up the Manchester side to the place we started from.

I lived too far away to use Dutchman's Wreck (not Rack, as they call it now).

In conclusion I would remind not very old citizens of the large floating bathhouse, which for several seasons did a flourishing business just below Mayo's Bridge on the north side of the island. Why could we not have another like it?

Mr. Editor, did you ever, on a hot August day, when the river was low, take off your clothes and cross and across the river about the upper end of Hollywood? If you did it ought to have killed you, for the chances are, that like the present writer, only all the skin peeled off your back. Even this seemed no end of fun. Yet the present generation has to be taught how to play!

SEEK FUNDS TO EMPLOY TRAVELING SECRETARY.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Emory, Va., July 21.—The executive committee—H. C. Stuart, Dr. J. P. McConnell, and J. N. Stuart Powell—appointed at the Rural and Industrial Conference in Bristol in June, to raise money and employ a traveling secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, to work with the young men and boys of Southwest Virginia, has appointed a representative or leader in each county of the Southwest to co-operate with this committee in raising \$2,500 to place in the field about September 1 this industrial and rural secretary, and to meet the expenses of this movement. The following are the members of the committee representing the various counties: Lee, R. L. Pennington; Wise, R. T. Irvine; Washington, L. C. Hasinger; Russell, Lee Long; Dickenson, T. H. Rouse; Buchanan, E. R. Boyd; Tazewell, C. R. Brown; Wythe, J. N. Powell; Smyth, W. W. Hurt; Grayson, Carroll, J. P. Carico; Floyd, J. B. Perry; Pulaski, George R. Cheves; Giles, Judge Martin Williams; Montgomery, L. S. Randolph. These, with the members of the executive committee, constitute the committee of management of this work in Southwest Virginia.

The task of the traveling secretary will be to bring the benefits of the Y. M. C. A. to the boys and young men in the high schools, towns, villages and rural communities of Southwest Virginia.

JUDGE DISMISSES BILL OF REVIEW

Charleston, W. Va., July 24.—Judge Samuel C. Burdette, of the Kanawha County Circuit Court, dismissed the bill of review filed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company in the 2-cent passenger fare law case. The bill was filed following the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, upholding the validity of the State 2-cent fare law, and petitioned the court for an injunction restraining holders of coupons issued for fare charged in excess of 2 cents per mile from bringing suits against the railway company to collect the same.

The Times-Dispatch's Great Booklovers' Contest Game STARTS JULY 27th.

FIRST PRIZE	\$300.00	IN GOLD
SECOND PRIZE	\$200.00	IN GOLD
THIRD PRIZE	\$150.00	IN GOLD
FOURTH PRIZE	\$100.00	IN GOLD
FIFTH PRIZE	\$50.00	IN GOLD
SIXTH PRIZE	\$50.00	IN GOLD
SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH PRIZES ARE EACH	\$25.00	IN GOLD
ELEVENTH TO TWENTIETH PRIZES ARE EACH	\$10.00	IN GOLD
TWENTY-FIRST TO FIFTIETH PRIZES ARE EACH	\$5.00	IN GOLD

\$1200.00 In Gold--Divided Into Fifty Prizes

Safeguarding the Contest

Three of Richmond's prominent men will judge this Booklovers' Game.

The judges in The Times-Dispatch's great \$1200.00 Booklovers' Contest will be announced later on in the contest.

In other cities the judges in the Booklovers' Contests were Governors of States, judges of the Supreme Court, the Mayors of cities, postmasters, clergymen, priests, etc.

The judges in The Times-Dispatch's contest will be men of absolute integrity and of the highest standing.

Some time before the end of the contest the complete list of 77 book titles, with the names of authors, will be deposited in a local bank, under the direction of the publisher of this paper and the three judges.

The list of correct titles will not be withdrawn until all sets of answers have been received and entered on a record. The system that will be used will make it impossible for an error to occur, and a dozen safeguards will be thrown around the checking of the sets, and the public will be invited to witness the checking.

The 77 titles, as selected during the contest, will be known only to the publisher, and the reputation of this newspaper stands as a guarantee to all contestants of an absolutely fair and impartial awarding of the prizes.

HERE ARE THE RULES.

The contest is open to all readers of this paper. Only Times-Dispatch employees and members of their families are barred. Daily for 77 days will be published in The Times-Dispatch a picture representing the title of a book, one each day. Beneath this picture will be a coupon to fill in with the name of the book and the author, together with the name and address of entrant.

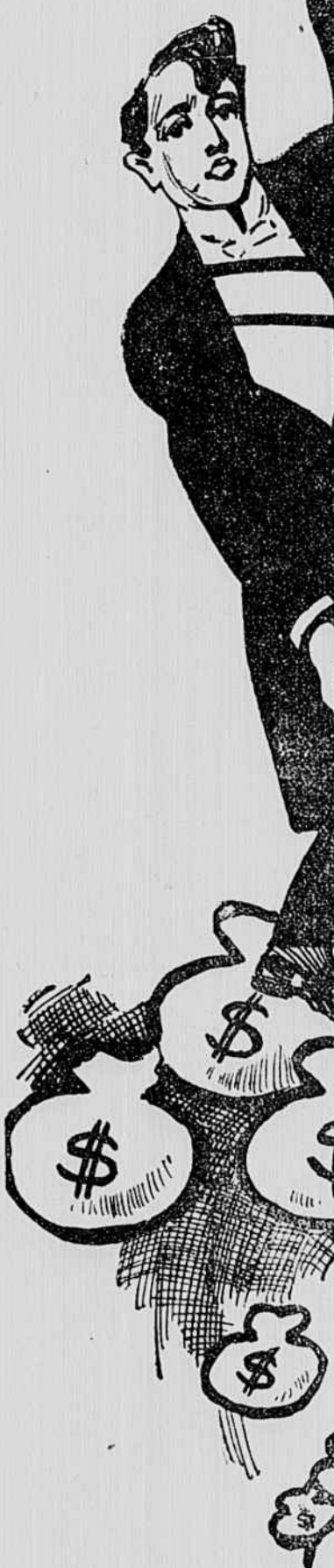
Cut out the picture and coupon, filling in the book title and author's name, writing your name and address neatly and plainly in the place provided.

No restrictions are placed on the manner in which answers to pictures are secured. Each picture represents the title of one book only. If you are not certain of your solution you may send in one to ten answers to the picture. NO MORE THAN TEN ANSWERS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO A PICTURE. Incorrect answers will not count against contestant if correct answer is also given. And put one answer to each picture and coupon. Extra coupons must be secured and used for extra answers. All answers to each picture must be kept together in compiling your set.

Additional pictures and coupons may be obtained at The Times-Dispatch office, by mail or by person. Answers will not be accepted unless they are properly filled out on the coupons appearing beneath each picture. It is necessary that pictures be sent in with the answers in order that all answers may be uniform.

When you have all 77 answers, fasten them together and bring them or mail them in a neat flat package—not folded or rolled—to The Times-Dispatch office, addressed "BOOKLOVERS' CONTEST

OBJECT LESSON NO. 5



The Times-Dispatch's Great \$1200.00 Booklovers' Contest Game

Picture No..... Date.....



WHAT BOOK DOES THIS PICTURE REPRESENT

Title..... *The Black Watch*
 Author..... *James Grant*
 Your Name..... *Charles Newman*
 Street and Number..... *143 S. Fifth St.*
 City or Town..... *Richmond, Va.*

The Times-Dispatch is now compiling a list of about 5,000 book titles, from which will be selected the 77 titles which the 77 pictures will be drawn to represent. This catalog will be offered to the public shortly.

First Picture Will Appear on Sunday, July 27th.

The principal features in connection with this contest are copyrighted by the Booklovers' Contest Co., San Francisco, Cal.

EDITOR." Prizes will be awarded contestants sending in the largest number of correct solutions. In the event of two or more persons having the same number of correct solutions, the person using the smallest number of extra coupons on the set of answers will be declared the winner. In the event of two or more persons having the same number of correct solutions, and using the same number of coupons, an equal interest in the prizes tied for will be given to each of the tying contestants, or the persons involved in the tie may choose any one of the lesser prizes.

More than one prize will not be awarded to any one family at one address, but each member of the family may enter the contest and submit a complete set.

Only one complete set (comprising not more than 10 answers to any one picture) of answers may be submitted by a contestant. Awards will be made strictly according to the merit of each separate list. The names of more than one person must not be written on any one coupon.

All answers will be considered on their merits. The first set filed will have no preference over the last set filed; provided only that answers must be filed within the time specified after the last picture has appeared.

The awards will be made by the Contest Editor and three well-known citizens whose names will be announced later.

The correct answers to the series of pictures will be filed with a local trust company or bank previous to the close of the contest.

Entry to the contest may be made at any time. All communications or letters of inquiry concerning the contest should be addressed to the Booklovers' Contest Editor, The Times-Dispatch.

PAPER IS NO MORE, BY ORDER OF COURT

Alexandria Daily News Discontinued Following Appointment of Receivers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Alexandria, Va., July 24.—A decree was entered in the Corporation Court to-day suspending publication of the Alexandria Daily News, a local afternoon newspaper, upon the recommendation of the receivers, Walter S. Foster and C. S. Taylor Burke, who were recently appointed receivers for the concern. Its last issue appeared this afternoon. The receivers reported that the paper was being operated at a loss.

This paper was started here March 9, 1912.

A short time ago Mrs. Nellie V. Roney, one of its largest stockholders, made application for the appointment of a receiver, and finally her petition was granted by the court, the defendants joining in.

The Beauty of Quaker Remedies They Cure Old As Well As Young

Every day brings reports of the cures that are being made by the use of the wonderful Quaker Herb Extract and Oil of Balm. It matters not how old or how young, they cure all alike. Here is a report from Mr. Ben Marx, 73 years of age, and resides in Ureka, Spencer County, an old settler. And he has suffered for the past three years with kidney trouble and lumbago, or pains in the back. At times he could scarcely stoop over, and if he bent down he could hardly straighten up. He was very nervous, had to get up several times at night to void urine, as he told Gray, the Health Teacher, at Trangle Drug Co. He had used many kinds of Kidney Pills and Rheumatism medicine, but the Quaker Herb Extract and Oil of Balm was the only medicine that ever produced any benefits. After using four weeks has no kidney trouble or lumbago, and he feels better than he has in years. Another remarkable

case, little Katie Istock, who resides with parents, who, since only a baby, has been afflicted with a parasite and was in a very nervous, run-down condition. The parents have tried and tried to find a medicine to remove that horrid monster, but nothing ever did the work until they gave Quaker Extract, and after 5 days the child expelled a tape worm 19 feet in length, and today is bright, healthy child, and the wonderful Quaker Remedies are making these marvelous cures every day. Call to-day, have a talk with the Health Teacher. It costs you nothing. If you can't call order by mail, and on receipt of price they will be sent you by express. All charges prepaid on \$3.00 orders or over. Quaker Extract, \$1.00 per bottle, 6 for \$5.00, now 3 for \$2.50. Oil of Balm, 50c; Salve, 25c; Cough Syrup, 25c. Remember the place, Trangle Drug Co. Gray can be seen from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.—Advertisement.

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